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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RONALD MOORE, } 3:09-CV-0730-RCJ (RAM)

Plaintiff, }

vs. }

AT&T, PGE, et al., }

Defendants. }

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**  
**OF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

This Report and Recommendation is made to the Honorable Robert C. Jones, United States District Judge. The action was referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and the Local Rules of Practice, LR IB 1-4.

On December 14, 2009, the court received Plaintiff's Complaint and Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. #1). On December 22, 2009, the court ordered Plaintiff to provide additional information concerning the Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. #2). On December 28, 2009, Plaintiff filed his Affidavit requested by the court (Doc. #3).

From the information in the Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, it appears that Plaintiff qualifies for *in forma pauperis* status. That application will be granted, and the Complaint will be filed.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), a federal court must dismiss a case in which *in forma pauperis* status is granted, "if the allegation of poverty is untrue," or the action "is frivolous or malicious," "fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted," or "seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

1 Dismissal of a complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted is  
 2 provided for in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), and the court applies the same  
 3 standard under Section 1915(e)(2) when reviewing the adequacy of a complaint or amended  
 4 complaint. Review under Rule 12(b)(6) is essentially a ruling on a question of law. *See*  
 5 *Chappel v. Laboratory Corp. of America*, 232 F.3d 719, 723 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000). Dismissal for  
 6 failure to state a claim is proper only if it is clear that the plaintiff cannot prove any set of facts  
 7 in support of the claim that would entitle him or her to relief. *See Morley v. Walker*, 175 F.3d  
 8 756, 759 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999). In making this determination, the court takes as true all allegations  
 9 of material fact stated in the complaint, and the court construes them in the light most  
 10 favorable to the plaintiff. *See Warshaw v. Xoma Corp.*, 74 F.3d 955, 957 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996).

11 Allegations in a *pro se* complaint are held to less stringent standards than formal  
 12 pleadings drafted by lawyers. *See Hughes v. Rowe*, 449 U.S. 5, 9 (1980); *Haines v. Kerner*,  
 13 404 U.S. 519, 520-21 (1972) (*per curiam*). All or part of a complaint may therefore be  
 14 dismissed *sua sponte* if the claims lack an arguable basis either in law or in fact. This includes  
 15 claims based on legal conclusions that are untenable (e.g. claims against defendants who are  
 16 immune from suits or claims of infringement of a legal interest which clearly does not exist),  
 17 as well as claims based on fanciful factual allegations (e.g. fantastic or delusional scenarios).  
 18 *See Neitzke v. Williams*, 490 U.S. 319, 327-28 (1989); *see also McKeever v. Block*, 932 F.2d  
 19 795, 798 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1991).

20 Although *pro se* Plaintiffs are given great latitude in the United States District Court  
 21 and are not held to strict pleading requirements, a fundamental requirement is that the  
 22 documents filed by a *pro se* Plaintiff must be subject to comprehension. The Civil Rights  
 23 Complaint lodged by the Plaintiff on December 14, 2009 (Doc. #1), fails this initial  
 24 requirement as it is incomprehensible and does not appear to name a viable, identifiable  
 25 Defendant.

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The court should dismiss this action. In view of the obviously frivolous nature of the case, it would be appropriate to dismiss the case without leave to amend.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. #1) is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall **FILE** Plaintiff's Complaint.

## RECOMMENDATION

**IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED** that the District Court enter an order dismissing this action with prejudice and entering judgment accordingly.

The parties should be aware of the following:

1. That they may file, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Rule IB 3-2 of the Local Rules of Practice, specific written objections to this Report and Recommendation within fourteen (14) days of receipt. These objections should be titled "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation" and should be accompanied by points and authorities for consideration by the District Court.

2. That this Report and Recommendation is not an appealable order and that any notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 4(a)(1), Fed. R. Civ. P., should not be filed until entry of the District Court's judgment.

DATED: January 5, 2010.

  
ROBERT W. MCRAE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE